

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fluoro-resin powder coating composition ~~characterized by~~ comprising a composite fluorinated copolymer (A) having a core/shell structure wherein core particles ~~are made of~~ comprise a fluorinated copolymer (A'), and their surfaces are covered with a resin having a glass transition temperature higher than that of the core particles, constituting shells, wherein the glass transition temperature of the core particles of the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is from -40 to 50°C, and the glass transition temperature of the resin constituting the shells is from 60 to 150°C, wherein the resin constituting the shells comprises a (meth)acrylate resin, and wherein the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is a powder obtained by emulsion-polymerizing, in the presence of the fluorinated copolymer (A') containing polymerized units based on (a) a fluoroolefin and polymerized units based on (b) a vinyl monomer having at least one reactive functional group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, an epoxy group, a hydrolysable silyl group, a hydroxyl group and an amino group, a radical polymerizable monomer mixture comprising (e) a (meth)acrylate having a reactive group which reacts with the reactive group of the above (b), to form a bond, thereby to obtain an aqueous dispersion of a composite fluorinated copolymer (A), and separating and drying the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) from the aqueous dispersion.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Particles for a powder coating material, ~~made of~~ comprising a composite fluorinated copolymer (A) having a core/shell structure wherein core particles ~~are made of~~ comprise a fluorinated copolymer (A'), and their surfaces are covered

with a resin having a glass transition temperature higher than that of the core particles, constituting shells, wherein the glass transition temperature of the core particles of the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is from -40 to 50°C, and the glass transition temperature of the resin constituting the shells is from 60 to 150°C, wherein the resin constituting the shells comprises a (meth)acrylate resin, and wherein the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is a powder obtained by emulsion-polymerizing, in the presence of the fluorinated copolymer (A') containing polymerized units based on (a) a fluoroolefin and polymerized units based on (b) a vinyl monomer having at least one reactive functional group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, an epoxy group, a hydrolysable silyl group, a hydroxyl group and an amino group, a radical polymerizable monomer mixture comprising (e) a (meth)acrylate having a reactive group which reacts with the reactive group of the above (b), to form a bond, thereby to obtain an aqueous dispersion of a composite fluorinated copolymer (A), and separating and drying the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) from the aqueous dispersion.

Claims 7-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein fluororesin (a) comprises tetrafluoroethylene.

Claim 12 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the glass transition temperature of the core particles of the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is from -20 to 40°C, and the glass transition temperature of the resin constituting the shells is from 70 to 130°C.

Claim 13 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a carboxyl group.

Claim 14 (New): The composition according to Claim 13, wherein vinyl monomer (b) comprises 10-undecenoic acid.

Claim 15 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises an epoxy group.

Claim 16 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a hydrolysable silyl group.

Claim 17 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a hydroxyl group.

Claim 18 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises an amino group.

Claim 19 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein fluoro-resin (a) comprises tetrafluoroethylene.

Claim 20 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the glass transition temperature of the core particles of the composite fluorinated copolymer (A) is from -20 to 40°C, and the glass transition temperature of the resin constituting the shells is from 70 to 130°C.

Claim 21 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a carboxyl group.

Claim 22 (New): The particles according to Claim 21, wherein vinyl monomer (b) comprises 10-undecenoic acid.

Claim 23 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises an epoxy group.

Claim 24 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a hydrolysable silyl group.

Claim 25 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises a hydroxyl group.

Claim 26 (New): The particles according to Claim 6, wherein the reactive functional group of vinyl monomer (b) comprises an amino group.